Transcript of Brooklyn Arts COVID-19 Firesside Chat Period 1

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Samantha Fox 00:09

Hi there, my name is Samantha Fox. And today you're in for a treat with my very own fireside chat of COVID 19. Covid-19 has been impacting me pretty hard over quarantine, especially from not seeing many people that I wish I can see right at this moment.

Samantha Fox 00:33

Honestly, I was never expecting the day, I was getting my braces to be the last Friday I will ever see my friends.

Samantha Fox 00:45

It has been pulling me down terribly. But overall as an introvert, and as someone who pretty loves isolation at this moment, it's not really affecting me on a home level since I see my sister, my parents, my grandparents all the time. It's not really affecting me in that way. But from seeing some of my friends from seeing some of my sweet, lovely teachers. It's been rough, it has been a rough time. And yes, I have known people that have COVID-19

Samantha Fox 01:23

Some died, and some are treated. I know a man who had COVID-19 but now he's much better than before he's back on track is doing excellent. And I just want to thank God for that because a lot of people wish they had their lives right now. And I'm pretty sure we wish our close ones and our loved ones and our friends and family members are all doing okay during quarantine.

Lesly 01:50

My lifestyle in quarantine has changed drastically from the life I used to have before. My schedule now includes waking up, eating breakfast, staying in my PJs and sitting. And once in a while stretching for remote learning throughout the day, then I would usually talk and have fun with my family. And in the afternoon. On certain days, I usually take dance lessons and be able to see my friends from Dance school.

Lesly 02:28

Quarantine not only has led to bad negative things, but also to good ones such as me being able to spend quality time with my family in which before I wasn't able to have

Lesly 02:43

on forward unfortunately my family has had very close friends who have died. It impacted my family and very much especially one family that we need in which the family the mom and dad and one son died. It was very hard for that family and for us as well knowing that the COVID-19 has impacted them and could impact anyone.

Lesly 03:10

I'm definitely interested in going out as soon as all of this is over.

Makiya 03:20

Good evening, everyone. This is Makiya dollar coming live from 25 news. I am here to discuss the circumstances and crisis that we're going through right now due to the Coronavirus if you're listening right now I want you to know that you guys are not alone. And I want you guys to know that

Makiya 03:40

I'm very sorry about the ones that loved ones did pass away due to this virus. But I want you guys to remain positive and strong. And to keep going don't stop keep going and striving to this

Makiya 03:56

by

Aaliyah 04:03

Hello guys, welcome to my homemade hopefully

Aaliyah 04:10

comforting fireside chat.

Aaliyah 04:14

I want to know that that is my dog currently barking if you guys can hear her. And if you guys are able to hear her throughout the video, just please ignore that. So yeah,

Aaliyah 04:31

one thing or really a few things that I miss about just life before this whole lockdown, or at least a few things that I would like to continue as soon as lockdown is lifted, is obviously going out and seeing my friends, I miss them terribly. I wish that I could see where I'm going. I wish I could be around them. But consider our current situation. We can't just have to make do with that.

Samantha 05:26

Hi, everyone. Good morning. Good afternoon. Good evening, whenever you may be watching this. Welcome, Samantha, my Fireside Chat. This has been such a terrifying and stressful experience and I'm sure a lot of people are scared right now a lot of people are confused. I'm here to let you know that it's okay. It's okay to feel confused or scared and is okay to ask or go to someone for help. If you hear snoring or anything of the such in the background, that is my mother.

Samantha 06:11

Please try to work with me just tend to go

Samantha 06:24

like I was saying, it is stressful right now,I know me and my family right now we're going through a lot of grief and confusion, you know, we are all pretty scared. We're not really sure what to do next. But we do know that it's important to keep our distance from the strain side only go out side when it's necessary. And remember to take care of not only yourself but your family as well as your community of course.